

In my opinion, the biggest threat to democracy in this country is coming from the changes in the media. Gone are the days when journalists were interested in getting the facts and trying to be fair.

The question at this moment, however, is this: is the FCC fair and honorable and able to render a proper decision based upon both the law and what is above reproach?

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air "Stolen Honor" before the election raises questions simply because of the donations made by Sinclair Broadcasting executive's to the President. There is simply no way this decision is a "news" matter.

All broadcast media's use of the public airwaves free of charge carries responsibilities to serve the public interest. By allowing the birth and growth of media conglomerates, we have made politicians and media executives rich at the expense of threatening our democracy.

We need to modify and strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. License renewal needs to involve more than a returned postcard, some consideration must be given to the manner in which the publicly-owned airwaves were used. When that use is blatantly not in the public interest, then there should simply be no renewal.

Thank you.